

September 24, 2003

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Shigeyoshi NAGATA  
SILENT CHAIN POWER TRANSMITTING APPARATUS  
Assignee: **HITACHI POWDERED METALS CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref. Q76635

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising sixteen (16) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, four (4) sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>4</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$42.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$375.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<b>\$375.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment								\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>								<b>\$415.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$375.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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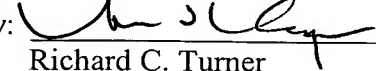
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>2002-279958</b>	<b>September 25, 2002</b>

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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